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OFFICE OF TRAINING

NOTICE

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SUBJECT: Office of Training Social Gathering

It seems eminently appropriate that instead of the Annual OTR Christmas Meeting, the 1961 affair should be a Farewell Party for outgoing DCI, Allen W. Dulles. Mr. Dulles has accepted the OTR invitation and the incoming DCI, Mr. John A. McCone will also be invited.

There will be no formal OTR Christmas Meeting this year, with invited VIP's and the customary laudatory speeches. To be quite honest, I just haven't the heart for it this year. But I believe wholeheartedly we can all meet for the purpose of honoring Mr. Dulles' eleven years of service to CIA and support to OTR.

Forgive me, if for this year only, I forego the custom of exchanging Seasons Greetings cards with you all. I'm simply not "Merry" or "Happy" over the role I have played in 1961.

Your services to CIA, OTR and me have again been characterized by the same devotion to duty, selfless cooperation and loyal performance of the past decade. This is dramatically exemplified by OTR's record in the recent UGF drive. Our 153.7% led all Agency components. I am personally exceedingly grateful to you, if not entirely surprised. OTR should rightfully lead the pack!

In 1962 most of us will be under one roof in much closer proximity to each other than we have been in the history of OTR. At least I shall see more of you than in the past. I look forward to OTR's 12th year with hope and confidence.

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